# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON DRUGS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a number of import restrictions on certain drugs have been imposed by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of drugs manufactured in the country which have been put on the negative list by some European countries and also in our own country alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to give relief to the pharmaceutical companies?

## Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d) Import of some drugs viz. Penicillin, 6-APA and their down-stream products, Refampicin and its intermediates are restricted as per EXIM Policy.In addition, under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, requirement of Registration of all imported Drugs has been notified by Notification No. GSR(604) dated 24.08.2001. Similarly, the imports of all prepackaged commodities have been made subject to the provisions of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 which are applicable to the domestic manufacturers also. Anti-dumping investigations have been initiated against exports from India including export of drugs. Such cases are normally defended by the respective exporters in co-ordination with and assistance from the concerned Export Promotion Councils.